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# MEDICAID PROVIDER MANUAL UPDATE

**TO:** All Providers (Excluding Dental Providers) and Managed Care Organizations  
Participating in the Virginia Medical Assistance Program

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**MEMO:** Update

**DATE:** 10/4/2010

**SUBJECT:** Update to Chapter II of Provider Manuals

The purpose of this memorandum is to notify providers of changes to Chapter II of all Department of Medical Assistance Services (DMAS) Provider Manuals. DMAS has transitioned all Fiscal Agent and Provider Enrollment Services functions from First Health Services Corporation (FHSC) to ACS State Healthcare (ACS). The attached table shows the changes to the manuals. Please download the new chapter to insert into your Provider Manual and retain the attached table.

## **Amendments to DMAS Provider Manuals, Chapter IIs**

- Changed all references to First Health, First Health – VMAP-PEU, and FH/PEU to Virginia Medicaid – PES, ACS – Provider Enrollment Services, and ACS - PES.
- Changed all references to [www.dmas.virginia.gov](http://www.dmas.virginia.gov) to [www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov](http://www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov).

Please review these changes carefully.

## **VIRGINIA MEDICAID WEB PORTAL**

DMAS offers a web-based Internet option to access information regarding Medicaid or FAMIS member eligibility, claims status, check status, service limits, service authorizations, and electronic copies of remittance advices. Providers must register through the Virginia Medicaid Web Portal in order to access this information. The Virginia Medicaid Web Portal can be accessed by going to: [www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov](http://www.virginiamedicaid.dmas.virginia.gov). If you have any questions regarding the Virginia Medicaid Web Portal, please contact the ACS Web Portal Support Helpdesk, toll free, at 1-866-352-0496 from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, except holidays. The MediCall audio response system provides similar information and can be accessed by calling 1-800-884-9730 or 1-800-772-9996. Both options are available at no cost to the provider.

## **REQUESTS FOR DUPLICATE REMITTANCE ADVICES**

In an effort to reduce operating expenditures, requests for duplicate provider remittance advices will no longer be printed and mailed free of charge. Duplicate remittance advices will be processed and sent via secure email.

A processing fee for generating duplicate paper remittance advices will be applied to paper requests, effective July 1, 2009.

### **ALTERNATE METHODS TO LOOK UP INFORMATION**

Effective August 1, 2009, DMAS authorized users now have the additional capability to look up service limits by entering a procedure code with or without a modifier. Any procedure code entered must be part of a current service limit edit to obtain any results. The service limit information returned will pertain to all procedure codes used in that edit and will not be limited to the one procedure code that is entered. This is designed to enhance the current ability to request service limits by Service Type, e.g., substance abuse, home health, etc. Please refer to the appropriate Provider Manual for the specific service limit policies.

### **ELIGIBILITY VENDORS**

DMAS has contracts with the following eligibility verification vendors offering internet real-time, batch and/or integrated platforms. Eligibility details such as eligibility status, third party liability, and service limits for many service types and procedures are available. Contact information for each of the vendors is listed below.

Passport Health Communications, Inc. <a href="http://www.passporthealth.com">www.passporthealth.com</a> <a href="mailto:sales@passporthealth.com">sales@passporthealth.com</a> Telephone: 1 (888) 661-5657	SIEMENS Medical Solutions – Health Services Foundation Enterprise Systems/HDX <a href="http://www.hdx.com">www.hdx.com</a> Telephone: 1 (610) 219-2322	Emdeon <a href="http://www.emdeon.com">www.emdeon.com</a> Telephone: 1 (877) 363-3666
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### **COPIES OF MANUALS**

DMAS publishes electronic and printable copies of its Provider Manuals and Medicaid Memoranda on the DMAS website at [www.dmas.virginia.gov](http://www.dmas.virginia.gov). Refer to the “DMAS Content Menu” column on the left-hand side of the DMAS web page for the “Provider Services” link, which takes you to the “Manuals, Memos and Communications” link. This link opens up a page that contains all of the various communications to providers, including Provider Manuals and Medicaid Memoranda. The Internet is the most efficient means to receive and review current provider information. If you do not have access to the Internet or would like a paper copy of a manual, you can order it by contacting Commonwealth-Martin at 1-804-780-0076. A fee will be charged for the printing and mailing of the manuals and manual updates that are requested.

### **“HELPLINE”**

The “HELPLINE” is available to answer questions Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., except on state holidays. The “HELPLINE” numbers are:

1-804-786-6273    Richmond area and out-of-state long distance  
1-800-552-8627    All other areas (in-state, toll-free long distance)

Please remember that the “HELPLINE” is for provider use only. Please have your Medicaid Provider Identification Number available when you call.

**Attached Number of Pages: (1)**

***ALL DMAS PROVIDER MANUALS***

**REVISION CHART**  
**October 4, 2010**

**SUMMARY OF REVISIONS**

<b>MANUAL SECTION</b>	<b>MATERIAL REVISED</b>	<b>NEW PAGE NUMBER(S)</b>	<b>REVISED PAGE(S)</b>	<b>REVISION DATE</b>
Chapter II	Chapter II		Entire Chapter	10/4/2010

**FILING INSTRUCTIONS**

<b>MANUAL SECTION</b>	<b>DISCARD</b>	<b>INSERT</b>	<b>OTHER INSTRUCTIONS</b>
Chapter II	Old Chapter II	New Chapter II	